(b) if so, the details of the sprinkler sets manufacturing firms approved by Government;

(c) whether farmers are being cheated in the supply of inferior quality of sprinkler sets; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Violation of laws on equal wages by Government

1347. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news appearing in the Hindu dated the 6th July, 1988 entitled Balatant Violation of law on equal wages by Government; and

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report of the National Commission on Self-Employed Women and women in the Informal Sector which has been referred to in the newspaper article, has been very recently submitted and is under examination of the Goevrnment.

Non-payment of O.T.A./Compensatory Allowances on the Death of Dignitaries to the employees of Delhi Central Electrical Division of C.P.W.D.

1348. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the payment of OTA/Compensatory allowances on the death of Indian and foreign high dignitaries during the period 86-87 declared under the Negotiable Instrument Act as public holidays to the Employees of Delhi Central Electrical Division No. 7 East Block, Rama Krishna Puram, New Delhi have not been paid so far;

(b) if so what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government received any representation in this regard, if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rise in the prices of pulses

1349. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an unprecedented rise in the prices of pulses in the recent past;

(b) whether Government have looked into the causes for such price rise if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being contemplated to effect control/reduction in the price of Pulses to avoid hardshis to the common man?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) The prices of the pulses are largely determined by their demand and supply. Thus the prices of pulses vary from place to place. Due to drought conditions in the country during the last year, prices of pulses are ruling high.

(c) With a view to containing the prices of pulses the following measures have been taken:

(i) Pulses have been put under the Open General Licence (OGL).

(ii) National level Agencies, viz. State Trading Corporation of India (STC) and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED)

were asked to import pulses to improve and regulate their supply.

(iii) To prevent hoarding, limits on stocks of pulses that can be held by wholesalers, retailers and producers have been laid down. States/Uts have been asked to enforce the provisions of the relevant control orders effectively.

(iv) A special programme is being implemented during the Seventh Plan to increase the production of pulses.

झांसी में रेडियो स्टेशन

1350. डा० गोविन्द दास मिश्रारिया : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) झांसी के लिए स्वीकृत रेडियो स्टेशन की स्थापना किए जाने के कार्य में कितनी प्रगति हुई है ?

(ख) चालू वित्तीय वर्ष तथा शेष योजनावधि के दौरान इस कार्य पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च किए जाने का अनुमान है ; और

(ग) रेडियो स्टेशन के कब तक चालू हो जाने की संभावना है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री एच० के० एल० भगत): (क) आकाशवाणी द्वारा ली गयी जगह का सर्वेक्षण कर लिया गया है और भवन की रूपरेखा को अंतिम रूप दे दिया गया है । भवन निर्माण कार्य के लिए प्रारंभिक प्राक्कलन तैयार किया गया है और इसे मजूरी दी जा रही है । भवन निर्माण कार्य अक्तूबर, 1988 तक शुरू किए जाने की परिकल्पना है । ट्रांसमीटर और स्टूडियो उपकरणों को प्राप्त करने के लिए आर्डर पहले ही दे दिया गया है ।

(ख) परियोजना प्रारम्भ में 175.10 लाख रुपए की अनुमानित लागत पर अनुमोदित की गयी थी । बढ़ी हुई कीमतों को देखते हुए इसे संशोधित किया जा रहा है । तथापि, चालू वित्त वर्ष के दौरान खर्च किए जाने वाली राशि 83.90 लाख रुपए है ।

(ग) झांसी के प्रस्तावित रेडियो स्टेशन के मार्च, 1990 तक चालू किए जाने लिए तैयार होने की परिकल्पना है ।

Farmers' representatives in the Agriculture Cost and Prices Commission

1351. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) who are the members representating farmers on Agriculture Cost and Price Commission;

(b) if none, since how long there is no representative of farmers on ACPC or previous ACPC and the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the farmers are likely to get representation on ACPC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) (i) Shri G. Nageswara Rao

(ii) Shri R. T. Rymbai

(iii Choudhary Randhir Singh.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Loss of mandays due to strikes and lockouts

1352. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased state:

(a) what is the number of mandaye lost in the last three years due to strikes and lockouts respectively in the country, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to lesson the loss of lost Mandays?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) Based on the latest available information, a *Statement giving State-wise loss of mandays* due to strikes and lockouts during 1985-87 is attached (*See* below)